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SUBJECT: MARITIME WORKERS UNION REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FOR NEW
MERCHANT SEAMENS' AND FISHING SCHOOL

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE ARGENTINE MARITIME WORKERS UNION (SOMU) FOR RELEVANT U.S. TRAINING MANUALS AND OTHER INFORMATIVE MATERIALS WHICH COULD BE USEFUL TO A NEW TRAINING SCHOOL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN BUENOS AIRES FOR MERCHANT SEAMEN AND FISHERMEN. THE SCHOOL, TO BE CALLED THE "ESCUELA DE FORMACION Y CAPACITACION DE LA MARINERIA Y MAESTRANZA DE LA MARINA MERCANTE NACIONAL Y LA PESCA," IS SPONSORED BY SOMU AND REPORTEDLY HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ARGENTINE NAVY, MERCHANT MARINE AND SHIPPING COMPANIES. SOMU, WHICH HAS AROUND 15,000 MEMBERS, IS THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATION IN THE 20,000 MEMBER MARITIME WORKERS FEDERATION (CALLED FAMAR); SOMU AND FAMAR ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF). SOMU/FAMAR SECRETARY GENERAL LIVIO MASSAGATTI MADE THE REQUEST OF THE EMBASSY IN THE COMPANY OF THE SOMU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. THE NEW SCHOOL IS INTENDED TO BE A TRAINING ACADEMY FOR MERCHANT MEN OF THE LOWER RANKS WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE UNION, IN CONTRAST WITH THE ARGENTINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY FOR OFFICER WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR MANY YEARS. THE IDEA OF CREATING A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE LOWER RANKS IS NOT A NEW ONE, THERE HAVING BEEN A PROJECT ON THE BOOKS

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FOR SOME TIME -- TO WHICH THE ARGENTINE STATE SHIPPING LINES,

ELMA, HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO SUPPLYING A TRAINING SHIP AND THE EDUCATIONAL PLANT WAS TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE BUENOS AIRES PORT ADMINISTRATION. THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF RECENT YEARS HAVE DELAYED THE PROJECT, BUT NOW SOMY, INTENDS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SCHOOL, CONCENTRATING INITIALLY ON COURSES IN THE ARE OF MARITIME AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY. THE NEW SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FUNCTIONING IN MARCH, 1977.

3. THE UNION IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FROM THE U.S. TEACHING MANUALS USED BY THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY AND OTHER AVAILABLE MATERIALS RELATING TO PROPER SAFETY PRACTICES ABOARD MERCHANT SHIPS AND INDUSTRIAL FISHING FLEETS, INCLUDING ACCIDENT AND FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY PRACTICES IN MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK, ABANDON SHIP AND SURVIVAL AT SEA TECHNIQUES, ETC. THE UNION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INFORMATION MATERIALS RELATING TO THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN TERMS OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT, ACCIDENT PREVENTION, FIRE FIGHTING, NAVIGATION OF LIFE BOATS, FIRST AID, ETC.

4. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A SEPARATE REQUEST FROM THE NAVAL ELECTRICIANS UNION (SECRETARY GENERAL ENRIQUE VENTURINI), WHICH IS ALSO AFFILIATED WITH FAMAR AND THE ITF, FOR U.S. LEGISLATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGULATIONS, INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND REPORTS, ETC. DEALING WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS IN THE U.S. MARITIME INDUSTRY, WAGES, EMPLOYMENT, WORKING CONDITIONS, WORKERS COMPENSATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY. IT OCCURS TO US THAT THERE MAY ALSO BE STUDIES DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (HEW) RELATING TO THE MARITIME AND FISHING INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS REPORTS AND INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. MARITIME UNIONS WHICH MIGHT ALSO PROVE VERY USEFUL FOR BOTH THE NEW SCHOOL AND THE ARGENTINE MARITIME UNIONS.

5. THE NEW SCHOOL APPEARS TO BE AN IMPORTANT INNOVATION BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE MARITIME UNIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY AND IS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO LABOR/MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS WITH WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED. ANY ASSI-

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TANCE LABOR DEPARTMENT CAN RENDER IN COLLECTING AND PROVIDING MATERIALS WHICH COULD MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS NEW UNDERTAKING IN ARGENTINA WOULD BE GEATLY APPRECIATED. WHERE POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF MATERIALS COULD BE SENT IN AT LEAST TRIPLE COPIES SO THAT THE EXTRAS COULD BE SENT TO THE LIBRARIES OF THE TWO MARITIME UNIONS (SOMU AND ELECTRICIANS) AS WELL AS THAT OF THE NEW SCHOOL..

6. SOMU HAS ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO UNDER WHICH
TRADE UNIONS THE U.S. WORKERS OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PLA-
TFORMS AT SEA ARE ORGANIZED (I.E. PETROLEUM WORKERS OR MA-
RITIME WORKERS). REQUEST ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING
THIS QUESTION, INCLUDING COPY OF A MODEL COLLECTIVE BARGA-
INING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THIS INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IN THE
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